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# Doorknob Collector



"Egyptian"  
by Branford

## Convention News

The fourth annual convention of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America will be held September 21, 22, and 23, 1984 at the Red Fox Inn, Waverly, Iowa.

Hosted by Arnie and Tedi Fredrick, the convention offers "More in Eighty-Four". We hope all members will attend.

Room rates at the Red Fox Inn are \$34.00 single and \$43.00 double occupancy. Each collector will be provided a 30" x 80" table in a large meeting room at no additional charge. Also, we will have the use of an executive suite all weekend as a central place to gather. Charles Wardell will again serve as Sargeant-at-Arms and will keep his "eagle eye" on the collections for security.

Dealers who are not ADCA members are welcome to attend and can rent a table for \$25.00 per day. A professional auctioneer will donate his services for an auction scheduled for Friday evening. Items must be tagged and submitted to the "Auction Table" by 5:00 p.m. on Friday. The auction will be held from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. While it is possible to sell 150-200 items during the scheduled time, it would help if small items are grouped together and sold as one lot. Bidding numbers, tags and further instructions will be available when you register. A 10% donation in lieu of a sales fee or a donation of proceeds from the sale of some items will be appreciated. Remember, donations are now tax deductible!

Many items from Pat Cody's large collection will be available for sale all day on Friday and any items not sold by 5:00 p.m. will be included in the auction.

Registration fee is \$45/single or \$75/couple, which includes two cocktail parties and two dinners and incidental expenses. Please note on the following schedule that the time has been extended through Sunday evening with displays open to the public on Sunday afternoon. A registration form is attached. Arnie will make motel reservations for you. For planning purposes, it will help if reservations are made not later than July 15.

"MORE IN EIGHTY-FOUR"  
 FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
 ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA  
 RED FOX INN, WAVERLY, IOWA  
 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	<u>Friday, September 21</u>	<u>Place</u>
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Set up displays - get acquainted register items for auction (no trading, please)	3 Seasons Meeting Room
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Cocktails	Executive Suite #214
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner	Knight's Room
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Tax Exempt Status - What it Means - How to Keep it - James P. Anderson, Attorney-at- Law	Knight's Room
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Auction - Conducted by Col. L. W. Andressen (services will be donated)	Knight's Room
	<u>Saturday, September 22</u>	
9:00 a.m. - 12:00	Bell to announce trading time	3 Seasons Room
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch - on your own	
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.	More trading - more getting acquainted	3 Seasons Room
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	To be announced	
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Cocktails	Executive Suite #214
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner	Knight's Room
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	President's Message - Len Blumin	Knight's Room
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Slide Presentation - "Art Nouveau", by Dr. & Mrs. Maynard Anderson, Professor-Music Education, Wartburg College	Knight's Room
	<u>Sunday, September 23</u>	
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	How to Remove "Stuck Stems", Repair and Clean Doorknobs - Charles Bednar, St. Paul	Knight's Room
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	News from Maudie - Maudie Eastwood	Knight's Room
10:00 - 12:00	Reports and Business Meeting	Knight's Room
12:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Displays open to the Public	3 Seasons Room
6:00 - ?	Open House	Arnie & Tedi's 221 2nd St., SE

# CHARLIE WARDELL'S FAVORITE KNOBS



These two knobs are "story" knobs. They tell a story that is interesting and self explanatory.

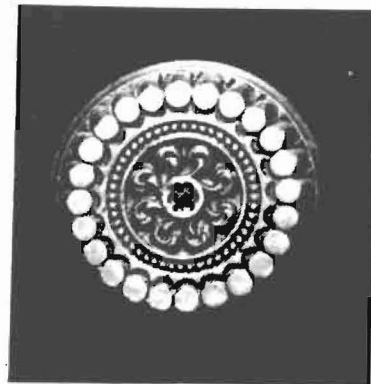


The child in the fireman's arms leaves us with admiration for the bravery in rescuing the child. Next to the President, a fireman or policeman is looked up to as a person to emulate the most, by children.

A child at the knee to gain wisdom or hear a tale from a book. (This design was featured in the March '82 D. C. #2)



This heart shaped knob was a trade at Naperville. For the first time in my collecting experience, I parted with a knob of which I had no duplicate. It is a rarity and I traded with one of the finest collectors.



This knob I found only this Spring after looking for it for twenty years. It is big both in diameter and in depth. The escutcheon is large and well done.



These two knobs tell a story about me.



This knob features a cross, one of the oldest devices used in decoration. I have many knobs using the cross but this is the best one. My faith causes me to rank this knob as one of my favorites.

This knob came from a collector in Winston Salem who kept it for many years as an adornment for his future home. I admired it and offered many other knobs in trade. A trade was finally made after six years.

Selecting six favorite knobs can be as difficult as selecting six favorite foods among thousands available or saying who is your favorite child. All things and persons have their own characteristics and unique qualities.

Charlie Wardell

The following is a report on John and Chlorene Holland's participation in the Arizona State Fair.

Our good neighbors and friends, the Todds talked us into entering a representative cross-section of our doorknob collection in the hobby section of the State Fair, back in October 1981. We gladly did it in order to share our interest with the hundreds of other hobby enthusiasts, who each year give the fair a special flavor not furnished by the usual things seen at typical fairs.

A roving reporter tells the story better than I:

WRINGING EVERY OUNCE OF FUN FROM THE FAIR  
By S. Lovejoy

I wandered into the hobby building, and not just for something to do while I waited for the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band. Ever since I once saw a collection of business cards, I have been intrigued by what under the sun people would think of submitting next. I don't envy the judges.

I found myself lingering over a case full of doorknobs. The collection had received a first place ribbon. A man came up to me and asked if I liked Doorknobs. Normally I would rebuff such an obvious advance, but in this instance I said, "Yes very much". "Well they are mine," he offered, safe in the knowledge I would approve. He pointed out the "paper weight" doorknobs, so designated because of their appearance. He looked for some recently at a doorknob collectors' convention in Waverly, Iowa, to no avail. Then he found some right here in Phoenix.

I congratulated him on his blue ribbon and told him I might run into him again at the Fair. No, he said, he would be entering the hospital for heart bypass surgery the next day.

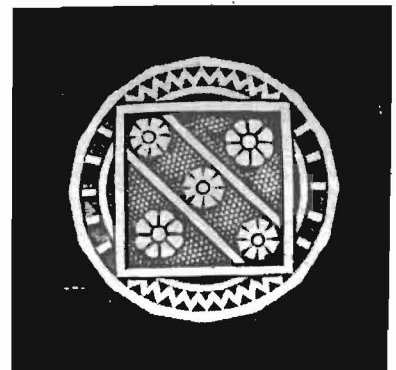
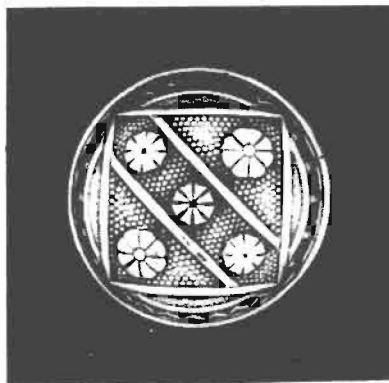
Four days later I took a friend to see the doorknobs. Another item had been placed in the case with them. They had been awarded a trophy designating them as the "Greatest Contribution to the Hobby Show".



This handsome trophy graces the Holland household. It is inscribed "Greatest Contribution to the Show, Hobby".

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Al Still of Des Moines has graciously supplied the editors with his "story" on how he became a collector.

I began collecting doorknobs about 1976. I started first by collecting other metal items - brass and copper fire extinguishers, fire hose nozzles and old blow torches. While looking for these at a flea market one day I picked up an old plain brass doorknob and was impressed with the "heft" of the knob compared to the lightness of modern doorknobs. I bought the knob and began looking for more. The first decorated knobs I bought were wrought knobs with fairly simple designs. Then I acquired my first cast knob. Again I was impressed with the weight of the knob but because it was heavily tarnished the design detail was obscured. A friend polished it for me and I was astounded by the beauty of the design. I was "hooked" and began collecting cast knobs and the more unusual wrought knobs almost exclusively from that point on.

Most of my searching was done in antique shops and at flea markets in California. I did obtain a few at garage sales but these were few and far between. One lesson I learned was that it pays to ask dealers if they have any doorknobs. Many of them don't consider doorknobs a highly collectable item. One of my prized acquisitions wasn't in the store but at home in the dealer's garage. He brought them in a week later and I got a beautiful pair of cast knobs only because I asked.

The greatest single infusion my collection has received resulted from the buying and trading I did at my first convention in Naperville last year. I greatly enjoyed meeting the other members, exchanging information and increasing my knowledge about doorknobs and door hardware. I hope to see you all at this year's convention.

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T H A N K   Y O U

Please accept our sincere thanks for the beautiful azalea plant that ADCA sent to us at the time of Emil's passing.

We also thank you for all of the cards, letters, and telephone calls telling us that you shared our sorrow and loss. It helps so much to know that there are friends who care.

Dorothy Ann Miller and  
sons, Richard and Robert